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APPLICATION TO

Class of Employees

STATE

Wisconsin

1913).

(Chap. 712, Laws of

Wages.

Terms of Labor

Contract

MINIMUM-WAGE LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES

Occupations

STANDARDS AS DEFINED

"Shall mean compensation for labor paid
..., sufficient to enable the employee receiving it to maintain himself or herself

under conditions consistent with his or her welfare."

	Contract			
California (Chap. 324, Laws of 1913).	Wages, hours, and condi- tions of labor prejudi- cial to health, morals, or welfare of the work- ers.	Women and minors (un- der 18).	All occupations, trades, or industries in which women and minors are employed.	(r) Not "less than a wage adequate to supply to such women and minors the necessary cost of proper living and to maintain the health and welfare of such women and minors"; (2) maximum hours consistent with health and welfare, provided they shall not exceed the maximum fixed by statute; (3) standard conditions of labor demanded by health and welfare.
Colorado (Chap. 110, Laws of 1913).	Wages.	Women and minors (under 18).	Mercantile, manufactur- ing, laundry, hotel, res- taurant, telephone, or telegraph business.	"Suitable" wages in view of cost of living and financial condition of the business and the probable effect thereon of any increase of the minimum wage.
Massachusetts (Chap. 706, Acts of 1912 as amended by chaps. 673 and 330, Laws of 1913).	Wages.	Women, learners, appren- tices, and minors (un- der 18).	All occupations in which women are employed and in which Commission has reason to believe that wages paid a substantial number are inadequate.	Wages adequate "to supply the necessary cost of living and to maintain the worker in health," and suitable wages for minors.
Minnesota (Chap. 547, General Laws of 1913).	Wages.	Women and minors (males under 21 and females under 18).	All occupations where the wages of one-sixth or more of the women and minors are less than a living wage.	in health and supply him with the neces- sary comforts and conditions of reason-
Nebraska (Chap. 211, Laws of 1913).	Wages.	Women, learners and ap- prentices, and minors (under 18).	All occupations in which women are employed and in which the wages paid a substantial num- ber are inadequate.	Wages "suitable" for female employees of ordinary ability in view of their needs, the financial condition of the occupation, and the probable effect thereon of any increase in the minimum paid, and "suitable" wages for learners and apprentices and minors.
Oregon (Chap. 62, Laws of 1913).	Wages, hours, and in- sanitary conditions having a pernicious ef- fect.	Women and minors.	All occupations where the wages and conditions of "any considerable number" are found to be unsatisfactory.	Such wages as will cover the necessary cost of living of women of average ability, standard hours of labor, but not longer than those fixed by law, fair sanitary conditions, and suitable wages for apprentices, etc.
Utah (Chap. 63, Laws of 1913).	Wages.	Females only—women, learners, apprentices (for period of not more than a year), and minors (under 18).	All occupations.	Minors, 75 cents per day; adult learners and apprentices, 90 cents per day; others, \$1.25 per day.
Washington (Chap. 174, Laws of 1913).	Wages and conditions of labor.	Women and minors (under 18).	All industries or occupations.	"Such standards of wages for women and minors employed as shall be held hereunder to be reasonable and not detrimental to health and morals, and which shall be sufficient for the decent maintenance of women."

Women and minors (un-All occupations.

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MINIMUM-WAGE LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES

STANDARDS FIXED BY-

CONFERENCE SYSTEM

STANDARDS FIXED BY-	Employment	Composition of Board	Duties of Board	Recommendation Reported by—
Industrial Welfare Commission of five appointed by the gov- ernor. At least one member shall be a woman.	Commission finds condi-	tives of employers and em-	sion (1) estimates of mini- mum wages, (2) maximum hours, (3) standards for	
State Wage Board of three appointed by the governor, one a representative of labor, another an employer. One shall be a woman.	Public hearings to be held if demanded, but no confer- ence board provided for.			
Minimum Wage Commission of three appointed by governor.	If the Commission finds wages inadequate in any occupation, it <i>shall</i> establish a wages board.	tives of employers, an equal	suitable wages for women, learners, apprentices, and minors after considering their needs, the financial condition of the occupation,	
Minimum Wage Commission of three—the commissioner of labor and two others appointed by the governor; one to be an employer of women, another a woman.	The Commission at its discre- tion may establish an ad- visory board in any occupa- tion.	tives—from three to ten—	of minimum wages suffi- cient for women and minors of ordinary ability, and for learners and apprentices.	membership."
Minimum Wage Commission of four—the governor and three appointed by him. These to include the deputy commissioner of labor and the professor of political science at the State University. One to be a woman.	gation, finds wages of a sub- stantial number inade- quate, it <i>shall</i> establish a wages board.	of the Commission, not less than three employers, and	suitable wages after considering the needs of the employees, the financial condi-	
Industrial Welfare Commission of three appointed by the governor, one representing the employers, one the employees, and the other the public.	The Commission may estab- lish conferences in trades where unsatisfactory condi- tions are found.	tives—not exceeding three	hours of labor, sanitary con- ditions and wages, and re- port its recommendations	Majority.
Wages prescribed by statute.				
An Industrial Welfare Commission of five—the Commissioner of Labor and four others appointed by the governor. Persons who within five years have been members of a manufacturers' or employers' association or of a labor union are not eligible for appointment.	If, after investigation, the Commission finds wages and conditions unsatisfactory in any occupation, trade, or industry, it <i>shall</i> call a conference.	tives of employers and em- ployees, one or more disin-	To recommend to the Commission "an estimate of the minimum wage adequate to supply the necessary cost of living, and maintain the workers in health, and standards of conditions of labor demanded for the health and morals of the employees."	Majority.
Industrial Commission of three appointed by the governor.	If, after investigation, the Commission finds that the wages paid are less than a living wage, it shall appoint an advisory wage board.	sent employers, employees, and the public."	To "assist in investigations and determinations" of the Commission.	

STATE

HEARINGS, ETC.

MINIMUM-WAGE LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES

REVIEW AND APPEAL

PERMITS TO SLOW WORKERS, ETC.

California (Chap. 324, Laws of 1913).	Commission to hold hearings at time and place specified, at least fourteen days' notice be- ing given. Has power to sub- poena witnesses, administer oaths, etc.	labor commissioner, and by him sent, so far as practicable, to employers affected.	cally defective by age or otherwise a special license authorizing the employ- ment of such licensee, for a period of six months [license renewable], for a wage less
Colorado (Chap. 110, Laws of 1913).	Board, after agreeing upon a wage determination, to give thirty days' notice of hearing by publication and to mail a copy "to the person, association, or corporation in the business." Haspowerto subpoena witnesses, call for books, etc.		defective a permit to work for a lower wage, provided, it is not less than the special minimum fixed in the case.
Massachusetts (Chap. 706, Acts of 1912 as amended by chaps. 673 and 330, Laws of 1913).	If any recommendation by wages board approved, Commission shall hold hearing after giving not less than fourteen days' notice to employers affected.	Wage decree by Commission shall be published in at least four newspapers in each county of state. If any employer files sworn statement that compliance with decree would endanger prosperity of the business, its operation stayed until review. If the court finds that compliance with such decree would likely endanger prosperity of business, "an order shall issue from said court revoking the same."	
Minnesota (Chap. 547, General Laws of 1913).	Shall hold hearings. Has power to subpoena witnesses, ad- minister oaths, etc.	Order to be effective after thirty days. To be mailed in so far as practicable to each employer affected. Upon request of approximately one-fourth of employers or employees in an occupation, Commission must reconsider rates.	Where time wage ordered, Commission may issue to a woman physically defective a permit to work for a lower specified wage. The number of such persons not to exceed one-tenth of the whole number of workers in any establishment.
Nebraska (Chap. 211, Laws of 1913).	If any recommendation of a wages board is approved, Commission shall hold hearing after not less than thirty days' notice to the employers affected.	Within thirty days of entering decree, Commission to publish material parts of its findings, together with the names of employers paying less than the minimum wage determined upon and the minimum wage paid by each such employer. If any employer files sworn statement that compliance with decree would endanger prosperity of the business its operation shall be stayed until review. If the court finds that compliance with such decree would likely endanger the prosperity of the business, "an order shall issue from said court revoking the same."	Where time wages only are ordered, Commission may issue a permit to a physically defective woman to work for less than the legal minimum, provided, that it is not less than the special minimum fixed in the case.
Oregon (Chap. 62, Laws of 1913).	May hold hearings. Has power to subpoena witnesses, ad- minister oaths, etc.	Order effective after sixty days. To be mailed, in so far as practicable, to employers affected, and to be posted by them. Orders reviewed by court of Multnomah county only, and the Commission's findings as to facts final.	Where a minimum time wage is fixed, the Commission may issue to a woman physically defective, or crippled by age or otherwise, a license to work for a prescribed lower wage.
Utah (Chap. 63, Laws of 1913).			None provided for.
Washington (Chap. 174, Laws of 1913).	Commission to hold hearings. Has power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, etc.	Mandatory order issued by Commission effective after sixty days. To be mailed in so far as practicable to employers affected. Commissions' findings final as regards facts. Appeal on questions of law to any superior court.	Commission may issue to a woman physically defective or crippled by age or otherwise, or to an apprentice in such occupation as usually requires to be learned by apprentices, a special license to work for a lower prescribed wage.
Wisconsin (Chap. 712, Laws of 1913).	Commission to hold hearings. Has power to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths, etc.	Commission's findings as regards facts final. Review upon appeal to Superior Court of Dane County. Appeal only on ground that Commission has exceeded its author- ity or that action was obtained by fraud.	"The Industrial Commission shall make rules and regulations whereby any female or minor unable to earn the living wage shall be granted a license to work for a wage commensurate with his or her ability." The license shall specify the wage.

ENFORCEMENT

MINIMUM-WAGE LAWS IN THE UNITED STATES

		MISCELLANEOUS			
Observance	Books and Records	Prosecution	Penalty	Recovery	Provisions
Mandatory.	Employer shall "keep a record of the names, ages, and residence ad- dresses of all women and minors employed."	Complaint of underpayment may be registered by any person, "and the Commission shall investigate the matter and take all proceedings necessary to enforce the payment of a wage not less than the living wage."	nor, punishable by fine of not less than \$50, or by imprisonment for not less than thirty days, or by both such fine and im- prisonment.	an agreement to accept	Annual appropriation of \$15,000 to carry out provisions of the act. Biennial reports to be made.
Mandatory.	None prescribed.	Justices of the peace have jurisdiction with- in their respective counties of all offenses arising under this act.	a misdemeanor, punish- able by fine not to exceed \$100, or by imprison-	applicable may recover in civil suit balance due, together with costs and	Appropriation of \$5,000 for carrying out provisions of the act. Report to November 30, 1914, to be made.
	Employer to keep regis- ter of names, ages, and addresses of all women and minors employed.	to time to determine whether employers are			Annual reports to be made to the Genera Court.
Mandatory.	Employer to keep regis- ter of names and ad- dresses and wages of women and minors em- ployed; also hours em- ployed per day or week.	provisions of the act and its orders.		may recover in civil suit	\$5,000 to carry out provisions of act. Biennial reports to be made.
	Employer to keep regis- ter of names and ad- dresses of women and minors employed.	to time to determine			Biennial reports to be made to the governor.
Mandatory.	Employer shall keep a register of the names, ages, and residence ad- dresses of all women and minors employed.		Violation of orders punishable by fine of from \$25 to \$100, or by imprisonment for from ten days to three months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.	plicable may recover in civil suit balance due, with reasonable attor-	\$3,500 to carry out provisions of the act. Biennial reports to be be made.
Mandatory.		Commissioner of Immigration, Labor and Statistics, to enforce act, but violations to be prosecuted by officers as in other misdemeanor cases.	demeanor.		
Mandatory.	Employer to keep a rec- ord of all women and minors employed by him.	gate complaints and to		than wage fixed may re- cover in civil action the	Annual appropriation of \$5,000 to carry out provisions of the act. Biennial reports to be made.
Mandatory.	Employer shall keep a record of the names and addresses of all women and minors employed by him, and such other records as the Commission may require.	"take all proceedings necessary to enforce the payment of a wage			